

REMARKS

In the Office Action of April 11, 2003, the Examiner allowed Claims 12-32 which Applicant appreciates. Accordingly, Applicant will now address the Examiner's remaining rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Troutman. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitation of "wherein the light reflector is in contact with the insulating surface." This is not shown in the cited reference.

More specifically, in the Office Action, it appears that the Examiner contends that metal film (308) in Troutman is the light reflector recited in Claim 1. However, in Fig. 3 in Troutman, the metal film (308) is in contact with a highly conductive polycrystalline region (304), not an insulating surface (see also e.g. col. 2 lns. 62-66 in Troutman).

In contrast, Claim 1 of the present application recites an insulating film formed over an insulating surface, a hole formed in the insulating film, a light reflector placed as to cover the hole, and the light reflector in contact with the insulating surface.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the above-stated reasons, Claim 1 is not anticipated by, nor would they have been obvious in view of, Troutman. Therefore, it is requested that this rejection now be withdrawn, and claim 1 allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 2-11 and 33-57 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Troutman. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant is amending independent Claims 4 and 6 to include the limitation of “wherein the light reflector is in contact with the insulating surface”, and is amending independent Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 to include the limitation of wherein the light reflector / the cathode is not in contact with the at least one transistor.

Accordingly, amended independent Claims 4 and 6, and those claims dependent thereon, overcome the rejection over Troutman for at least the reasons discussed above for Claim 1. Therefore, it is requested that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

In addition, amended Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7, reciting that the light reflector / the cathode is not in contact with at least one transistor, clearly distinguishes the claims over Troutman. In contrast to the claimed inventions, Troutman discloses the metal film (308) in contact with the highly conductive polycrystalline region (304) which can be regarded as a part of the transistor.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the above-stated reasons, the rejected claims would not have been obvious in view of the cited reference. Therefore, it is requested that this rejection now be withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

Conclusion

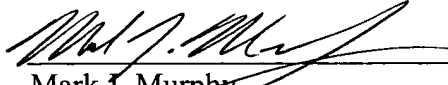
The present application is believed to be in a condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that it be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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